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Lions' goalie sacked

CARTOON WINS THE BIGGEST LAUGH OF ALL!

By FRED VILLIERS

Collin Ingram, a member of Soccer News editorial staff, has the misfortune of being a good cartoonist and a good goalkeeper.

This apparently is no asset to Lions Soccer Club.

For Collin happens to be Lions' reserve goalie and last week he made the greatest "mistake" of his short Soccer career in Australia.

He drew a brilliant cartoon depicting his club's 5-0 defeat by South Melbourne Hellas.

We published his drawing and because we liked it so much, splashed it across five columns on page 12.

The cartoon showed the victorious Hellas players dressed as Roman gladiators carrying a dead lion from the arena.

The caption read:

"Well, so much for the Lions. Bring on the next challenger."

And Collin's reward for this fine effort?

You'll never guess.

When he turned up on Saturday to play for Lions' Reserves he was told he wasn't wanted.

HE GOT THE SACK!

What an un-lionhearted attitude!

How ridiculous.

How small-minded can you get.

Surely Lions' clubmen must be joking.

And we often wonder why our sport is unprogressive.

"Well, so much for the Lions. Bring on the next challenge!"

Whether Lions want Collin Ingram or not is their business, but this attitude won't stop him from using his sketch book at their games, or any other game for that matter.

Our cartoonist has the right to draw anything he likes.

Soccer News will not be dictated to by narrow-minded clubmen.

We are frank, fearless and free.

And we intend staying this way.

Collin Ingram's cartoons will be featured prominently and frequently in this newspaper.

And Lions may or may not escape his attention in the future.

15,372 People read SOCCER NEWS last week in Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart and Melbourne.

BRUNO TESSARI . . . he wants Triestina to play at Fitzroy Cricket Ground

Oh, what a pity

It seems a pity Soccer will lose the chance of taking over another Aussie Rules ground because of a political issue.

There's no secret that if Metropolitan club Triestina move to Fitzroy Cricket Ground it could steal some of the supporters from State League club, Juventus.

But that's progress for you. They say a man on the way up often has to destroy others in his path. And this can be applied to big sport too.

Because of Soccer politics, Triestina won't take over the ground which is in the heart of the Italian community.

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Bruno Tessari, Triestina president, is dead keen to obtain the ground for Sunday Soccer.

Because rightly he believes a ground in the heart of Melbourne's Latin Quarter would do much for the code — and his club.

But he's got little hope of getting it. Because of petty jealousies the Metro. club won't be allowed to play there — never on a Sunday anyway.

Soccer News isn't taking sides in this issue. It has no intention of trying to persuade the powers that be to decide one way or the other.

We are only putting the facts to our readers.

But we do believe the game can't afford to let this great opportunity slip by, not when there is a new sense of direction in the sport following the great boost the recent tours have given Soccer.

We know Juventus have big commitments at St. Kilda Cricket Ground. We also know that the Grounds and Fixtures Committee went to a lot of trouble to fit in all requirements so that the Italian club could play their home games at St. Kilda.

This we appreciate.

But at the same time we must look to the future.

A ground IS required in Fitzroy and if Soccer has the chance to obtain one it should take it.

Whether a Metropolitan club or a State League club has the offer of moving into Fitzroy is unimportant.

The issue is Soccer.

And we must keep the game in mind whenever we make a decision — not the individual.

State Schools are a MUST

Five cents from every adult cash admission to the outer grounds at all Aussie Rules games go to the League promotion scheme.

As a result the V.F.L. will spend almost $70,000 on developing school football this year.

And next year they hope to spend $80,000.

What is Soccer doing?

Michael Weinstein, V.S.F. chairman, says he's confident Soccer will be in every Victorian school by next year.

The V.S.F. will ask the Education Dept. for co-operation in fitting Soccer into the schools' program.

The V.F.L. promotions officer Mr. Terry Young said: "We believe there is room for every sport, but I hope we will be able to intensify our schools' promotion next year."

Mr. Young said the V.F.L. first established its promotions program in 1964 because of the pressure from Soccer in the schools.

"We intend to increase our promotional efforts next year, whether Soccer does so or not", Mr. Young said.

In the past three years the V.F.L. has supplied almost 300 sets of goals and behind posts free of charge to schools throughout Victoria.

This year it will give away footballs worth between $10,000 and $11,000.

More than $6,000 is spent on supplying literature, and grants are made to every newly-formed under-age competition.

Football clinics also are conducted extensively by both the V.F.L. and clubs.

Fifty per cent of the Victorian Soccer Federation's budget in the next financial year will go to junior Soccer, Mr. Weinstein, told "The Age" Soccer writer, Vincent Basile, last week.

One of the main aspects of the plan is for Soccer to move into all Victorian schools by the end of next year.

"Apart from financial assistance and the provision of goalposts, nets, balls and other equipment, we will provide, free, top coaches and administrators," Mr. Weinstein said.

He pointed out that this year the V.S.F. budget had been for about $40,000, but as Soccer House had been fully paid for, it was likely to be increased next year.

"We will do this even if we have to budget for a deficit," Mr. Weinstein said.

This means junior Soccer will get more than $20,000, of which at least more than $10,000 will go to schools.

Mr. Weinstein said that at the moment Soccer was being played in all technical schools, and in 65 per cent of all colleges and private schools.

Next year's drive would be mainly directed at high schools.

But the game is still missing out in State Schools and this is where promotion is needed most.

To make a success of a junior promotion scheme, Soccer News believes you "have to catch 'em young" and this can only be done with the under 8 and 10 year olds.

Until the round ball moves into State Schools, the code will be struggling to produce a really 100 per cent Australian-born team.

"I know I speak for us all when I say 'We don't want the Australian Cup this year'"

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Tall order for Australian side

From MARTIN ASTON in Sydney

Australia's national team is facing the prospect of playing 16 or 17 games on a six-week tour of the Asian countries starting in October.

Details of the tour were confirmed after the recent meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation's executive, in Sydney.

Four international matches will be played in India and two each in Hong Kong, Pakistan and South Korea.

Other games will be played in New Guinea, Indonesia (Djakarta), Formosa, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur).

There also is a possibility of a match being arranged in Bangkok.

Australia's team manager Jim Bayutti told me that he is going to suggest that 22 players should be picked for the trip.

"The tour is going to be a strenuous one, and a lot of the boys are going to be sick at various stages," he said.

The tour is going to provide an ideal way to prepare Australia's team for the World Cup preliminary matches which are due to start next April.

Mr. Bayutti's information is that North Korea's remarkable showing in last year's World Cup finals will again give Australia a chance of gaining a place in the final 16 by playing off against the Asiatic countries.

"And we will be playing against all of our likely opponents, except North Korea, on the coming tour," said Mr. Bayutti.

The proposed matches in Teheran and Italy have been called off by the Australian Federation.

They would have meant a 30 per cent increase in the group air travel.

Australia's team had been offered $6,000 a game for two matches in Rome and a third in Naples.

Celtic, Real Madrid may tour here

From MARTIN ASTON in Sydney

Glasgow Celtic will be invited to make a tour of Australia next year.

Read Madrid and Benfica, of Portugal, will be approached to make a visit here if the proud holder of the European Cup is not available to make the trip.

This sensational development is a result of the recent meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation in Sydney.

The approach to Glasgow Celtic should win the approval of every Soccer fan because it is no secret that Scotland's champion club has breathed new life and vitality into European football at a club level.

Inter Milan's obsession with defence finally capitulated to a brave attacking policy when Celtic scored a 2-1 victory in last month's final of the European Cup, in Lisbon.

The functional, negative tactics of Inter's Helenic Herrera have made him widely despised throughout Europe.

"Celtic won the field, the Cup and the public", shouted the headline of Lisbon's biggest paper.

We can learn a lot from Celtic's manager Jock Stein and his lion-hearted, supremely fast and skilful players.

There also is a magical ring about the name of Real Madrid.

A visit by Benfica probably would depend on whether the club's star player Eusebio is available to make the trip.

Eusebio would be a tremendous drawcard because anybody who saw the television films of last year's World Cup would want to see this remarkable player in action.

An approach for Sweden's national team to make a tour of Australia next February and March has been rejected by the Australian Federation.

"Such a time would not be suitable," explained the acting president Jim Bayutti.

Will Schroif be dropped?

Blamed for both goals in their defeat by Croatia last week-end, I've been told on the grapevine there's a strong chance that former Slovan Bratislava and Czech international keeper, Willem Schroif, who kept goal for Victoria in both their games against Manchester United, may be dropped by Slavia for their game against Polonia, at Olympic Park, on Saturday. — **Jim Cook.**

Melbourne out in front

With a runaway win over Footscray-J.U.S.T. and Juventus dropping a point, Melbourne have opened up their State League lead at the top of the ladder with a clear two points.

Juventus are in second place on the flimsiest of goal average, and Hakoah are third.

Three teams on 14 points mean that goal average here again decides the placings and Hellas are now in fourth place, with Slavia fifth, and Croatia as they were, on sixth position.

Among the bottom four the position is unchanged although Lions and George Cross are slowly drawing away from Makedonia and Alexander who are at the bottom.

Unless a radical change comes over both Makedonia and Alexander, it looks like this pair will be fighting out the relegation issue.

Here are next week-end's 13th round fixtures:

SATURDAY: Juventus v. Lions at St. Kilda Cricket Ground. Slavia v. Polonia at Olympic Park. George Cross v. Melbourne at Selwyn Park, Sunshine.

SUNDAY: Alexander v. S.M. Hellas at Olympic Park. Hakoah v. Croatia at Middle Park. Footscray J.U|S.T. v. Preston Makedonia at Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

Results of the corresponding games in the first round this season:

Lions 0, Juventus 3; Polonia 0, Slavia 1; Melbourne 1, George Cross 0; S.M. Hellas 7, Alexander 3; Croatia 0, Hakoah 4; Makedonia 2, Footscray J.U.S.T. 4.

Here is my spotlight on the clubs and players and last week-end's games:

● The three Saturday games produced a total of 16 goals while the three played on Sunday produced only one goal.

● Four games out of the six were no scoring draws at half time and two, in fact, from the Sunday matches finished up the same way.

● Ottie Abonyi scored a hat-trick against Footscray-J.U.S.T. including one from the penalty spot. In Sunday's games both Davie Closs, of Juventus, and John Sanchez, of George Cross, missed penalty awards which could have given their sides full points.

● Alexander lost their sixth game in a row in which they have conceded 20 goals and scored only one in reply.

● Polonia chalked up their biggest score of the season when they rattled on five without reply against Alexander. Previous best was in the fourth round when they beat Footscray-J.U.S.T. 4-2.

● Both Lions and George Cross introduced newcomers at Olympic Park. The new boy for the Cross was goalkeeper, John Dockerty, who played with a Glasgow juniors side. It was also a former Glasgow junior who turned out for Lions, Bob Reilly, a centre forward whom they secured from Wilhelmina.

● By their crushing defeat from Melbourne, the Footscray-J.U.S.T. side have had their net bulged no fewer than 23 times in four games and collected only one point from these games.

● Croatia fielded the same side for the second week running after many weeks of experimenting without any real success. And it's significant they have collected three points from their last two games.

● Charlie McCorquodale, normally an inside forward or winger, reappeared for Slavia after a long spell on the sidelines. Turning out at left half he scored Slavia's only goal.

● Juventus and Sth. Melbourne Hellas have drawn 0-0 in both their matches this season. Juventus have also figured in another 0-0 draw in their first game with Hakoah.

● Tony Hughes, the big Footscray J.U.S.T. centre who has missed a few of his side's games, has nevertheless scored almost half his team's goals. Out of a total of 19 scored by J.U.S.T., the Welshman has netted nine.

● From 12 games played, Hakoah's opponents have failed to score on eight occasions.

● S.M. Hellas have failed to score in three games this season. Twice against Juventus and also against Hakoah.

This is how I reckon this week-end's games will go:

JUVENTUS v. LIONS

Still well placed in the chase for the league title, Juventus, however, can't afford the luxury of missing penalties as they have done more than once this season.

Strong and experienced with a solid backbone they can't, however, under-rate a Lions side which shows plenty of fight right up to the final whistle.

MY TIP: Juventus.

SLAVIA v. POLONIA

With plenty of changes in their non-playing staff recently, I can imagine with new coach Paddy Sloan at the helm there'll be more team changes at Slavia.

Slavia are struggling in both defence and attack and appear to have lost some sting. Polonia moving well with their short passing game, are, however, not all that consistent.

MY TIP: Slavia.

GEORGE CROSS v MELBOURNE

Unless there's a complete reversal of form here, Melbourne should continue their winning way.

George Cross, not nearly as steady as they used to be in defence, must also be worried by their attack's inability to finish well.

Melbourne are playing direct and attacking Soccer with every man contributing to the side's success of first-class teamwork.

MY TIP: Melbourne.

ALEXANDER v. S.M. HELLAS

This all-Greek clash could produce fireworks. But for Alexander they are likely to fizzle out long before the end.

In every phase of the game, Hellas are streets ahead and the fact that Alexander chop and change around so unmercifully must upset any team harmony which exists.

MY TIP: Hellas.

HAKOAH v. CROATIA

This could be one of the best games of the round and one of the closest at the finish. Both had unconvincing wins in their last games and both are capable of playing much better.

Hakoah in their studied approach and all round steadiness will have their hands full with the virile Croatia attack which in top gear goes almost nonstop.

MY TIP: Croatia.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Both sides have conceded a barrowload of goals which suggests their defences are far from water tight. In attack J.U.S.T. have a slight edge but nothing to shout about.

Hughes, for J.U.S.T., and Currie, for Makedonia, may be the men to watch as they have proved for their team's so often this season.

MY TIP: Makedonia.

Leo Damianakos (Hellas) who replaced Jim Pyrgolis at half time against Juventus, at Middle Park, on Sunday

JIM COOK

The writer who doesn't miss a kick

SOCCER NEWS WRITERS TIP

13th Round	Juventus v. Lions	Slavia v. Polonia	Geo. Cross v. Melbourne	Alexander v. Hellas	Hakoah v. Croatia	J.U.S.T. v. Makedonia
J. COOK	Juventus	Slavia	Melbourne	Hellas	Croatia	Makedonia
M. HARRIS	Juventus	Slavia	Melbourne	Hellas	Draw	Makedonia
S. KALUS	Juventus	Slavia	Geo. Cross	Hellas	Hakoah	J.U.S.T.
"TAFFY"	Juventus	Slavia	Melbourne	Hellas	Hakoah	J.U.S.T.
F. VILLIERS	Juventus	Slavia	Melbourne	Hellas	Croatia	Makedonia
G. YELLAND	Juventus	Slavia	Melbourne	Hellas	Hakoah	Makedonia

Kalus leads by one win

Martyn Harris and Fred Villiers forecast five correct results in the Soccer News writers "King of the Tipsters" competition, but Stephen Kalus, who had four correct forecasts, is still on top with 26 wins.

He is followed by Martyn Harris 25, Fred Villiers and George Yelland 22, Jim Cook and "Taffy", 21.

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No kick in this Soccer

After the cream (Manchester United), we were back to a milk diet last weekend (State League), but even this was sour.

Olympic Park provided two performances, which demonstrated most of what Soccer should NOT be.

Neither game drew 2,000 spectators and, frankly, those Soccer fans who stayed away, showed better judgment than those who attended.

THIS TYPE OF GAME JUST WILL NOT DO.

Week after week, we are subjected to displays which lack design, skill and purpose by imported "stars" (?) who in many cases are in the game, only to get as much as possible, for as little effort as they can get away with.

I am fed up with the shoddy performances that Soccer lovers are given, and I believe that it is time that clubs stopped wasting money on these "no hopers" and put it into first-class coaching of Juniors, with a long term plan for the future.

Instead of progressing, the standard of our game appears to be falling and clubs must realise that the public (their golden goose), will not tolerate half-hearted displays and unexciting Soccer.

When called on for maximum effort, those players who represented Victoria, showed that they have both skill and determination.

They and the rest of the State League men, could satisfy the fans with similar effort, week by week, but they're not pulling their weight and its time that State League club officials got tough with players who don't train, or do so half-heartedly and only give meagre effort on the field of play.

CROATIA 2 (J. Mackay, W. Vojtek) PORT. MELB. SLAVIA 1 (McCorquodale).

Olympic Park was the scene of an inept display of so-called Soccer on Saturday. Mis-directed passes, mistakes and poor finishing were the order of the day.

Young, in goal for Croatia, Jim Mackay and Gunn gave some indication that they were trying, for Slavia.

Croatia deserved the points, because they made fewer mistakes and were faster than Slavia.

Teams:—

CROATIA: Young, D. Mackay, F. Bot, H. Rau, R. Gunn, W. McArthur, B. Adlam, H. McMeechan, W. Vojtek, J. Mackay, T. Friganovic.

PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA: W. Schroiff, S. Jones, D. High, T. Randles, W. Cook, C. McCorquodale, J. Livingstone, M. Jurecki, I. Reid, T. Lockton, H. Rainey. Bell replaced Livingstone at half time.

Crowd:—1404.

Referee: Mr. R. Lamb.

MELBOURNE 7 (Stoffels, Abonyi 3, Kurta, Myers), FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Hughes).

Melbourne took another confident step towards the League championship, at St. Kilda, on Saturday, by thrashing J.U.S.T. 7-1. They proved that, at the present time, they are undoubtedly the best team in Victoria.

Well balanced in defence and attack they are on the move for the full 90 minutes, playing attractive, attacking Soccer and deserve much better support than they get, from the public.

It would be invidious to pick out any particular player, for they all gave maximum effort, allied to plenty of skill and ability.

You disappointed fans should make a point of watching these boys. It is a rewarding experience.

What has gone wrong at Footscray?

Surely no team with the playing ability of J.U.S.T. could go as bad as they have gone in recent weeks, unless something is sadly at fault behind the scenes.

It is to be hoped that it is cleared up soon, for J.U.S.T. have provided some of Victoria's most spectacular play over the years.

Teams:—

MELBOURNE: Surma, Fowler, McGowan, Shanks, Scott, Gregal, Kurta, Abonyi, Stoffels, Connolly and Myers. Kemp replaced Connolly at half time.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: S. Kazi, Hendricks, Rusmir, Micic, Rice, Cirkovic, Goedjevic, Dixon, Hughes, Adamovic, and A. Kazi. Mratinovic replaced Rusmir at half time.

Crowd: 1091.

Referee: Mr. R. Armstrong.

POLONIA 5 (Przybylski 2, Olinowski, Siwka, Swoboda), ALEXANDER 0.

Polonia beat Alexander by the impressive margin of five goals, but the result might have been somewhat different, had they been able to turn their early, menacing efforts into goals.

Plenty of individual ability achieved nothing because the team, as a whole, lacks a system. Slackness in defence, gave Polonia opportunities of which they made full use.

After an entertaining first half, Alexander lost heart and, in the end, Polonia won as they liked.

Kowalec was the architect of most of their attacking moves and Przybylski proved a great opportunist, as well as a fine distributer of the ball. Majerczak had a fine game in goal and the half back line controlled midfield.

Fokianis was the best of a disappointing Alexander and unless they achieve more cohesion and systematic play, they are booked for the big drop.

Teams:—

POLONIA: Majerczak, Knot, Marmur, Janczyk, Gross, Czernecki, Swoboda, Olinowski, Przybylski, Adamczyk, Kowalec. Siwka replaced Marmur for the second half.

ALEXANDER: Azzopardi, D. Xanthopoulos, Glennie, Fokianos, Baskovic, Robos, Mangopoulos, C. Xanthopoulos, Bourdanis, Papaconstantinou and Brown. Kourkoulakos replaced C. Xanthopoulos at half time.

Crowd: 1325.

Referee: Mr. D. Huddle.

Don Hodgson (George Cross) and Tom Roseweir (Lions) battle for the ball at Olympic Park

GEORGE CROSS 0, LIONS 0.

No goals, no thrills, no entertainment. This sums up the fare presented for public consumption at Olympic Park on Sunday. In recent weeks, George Cross gave the impression of returning to their former glory, but Sunday's effort made me think again.

Lions were no better and the whole game was one of aimless meandering, which provided the small crowd with a giant sized yawn.

If this is the best that these players can do (and I doubt it), they should make way for enthusiastic youngsters who would try full out.

Time after time, passes went to the opposition or to a marked man. Moves were telegraphed so obviously that opposing defences had little trouble in combating attacks.

Both defences looked sound, primarily because both attacks lacked sting. Most of the finishing was pathetic and Sanchez even blazed a penalty kick over the bar. A draw was the right result. Neither side deserved full points.

Teams:—

LIONS: Carmichael, Schwartz, McGrain, Murney, Walker, Aldis, Hillhouse, Roseweir, Reilly, Van Zeist, and Wilson.

GEORGE CROSS: J. Dockerty, Ireland, Morson, Sanchez, Hodgson, McPherson, Campbell, Evans, McIvor, Robertson and Armour.

Crowd: 1804.

Referee: Mr. G. Harrison.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0, JUVENTUS 0.

Middle Park's match of the day was something of a damp squib. Hellas were only a shadow of themselves in attack and Juventus' solid defence was never seriously extended.

In defence Hellas, too, were able to fully contain a spasmodic Juventus attack and the result was a defensive game with few really dangerous looking moves.

Tension there was and the large crowd cheered on their favorites vociferously, but one disappointing note was struck in the way Nestorides carried on, when the referee, quite rightly, awarded a penalty against Litopoulos.

He is experienced enough to know better and this kind of thing only serves to incite an already excitable crowd.

On form, he's a great player, but he's not above the law and he must learn to accept a referee's decision without dissent, otherwise he will find himself in serious trouble. His influence is so great, that he should lead both his team and supporters in a truly sportsmanlike manner. He can do much for the game here and I trust that he'll fully realise this and cut out this playing to the gallery.

Players who took the eye, were Wenzl, Hadjicostas, Bedford and Kokkinos, for Hellas, with Millar, Scott, Gentry and Corti, the most noteworthy of the visitors' team.

Teams:—

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Wenzl, Litopoulos, Kelly, Hadjicostas, Roussis, Bedford, Kokkinos, Kambouropoulos, Nestorides, Ackerley and Pyrgolios. Damianakos replaced Pyrgolios at half time.

JUVENTUS: Voigt, Sonsini, Gentry, Closs, Scott, Della Rocca, Barbazza, Bell, Di Marchi, Millar and Corti.

Crowd: 9583.

Referee: Mr. L. Stafrace.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0, HAKOAH 1 (Monan).

Preston was the venue of a good game on Sunday. Both sides played fast open football which kept the good sized crowd on its toes.

Makedonia are finding State League hard going and the Gods of Fortune are certainly not smiling on them. As last week, they lost by the odd goal and that came only two minutes from time.

They played well enough to earn a point, but Hakoah's greater experience told in the end and once again they left with nothing to show for a great hearted effort.

Hakoah were steadier than in recent games and but for a fine performance, in goal by John Morks, Jim Armstrong would have added to his tally, for he shot hard and often.

There was nothing in it for the first 20 minutes, but Hakoah gradually took the initiative and were pressing strongly at the halfway mark. Stenhouse was brilliant and Baker, substituting for the injured Keith, turned in a high class performance.

Van Alphen was a barrier up the middle and Anderson started many attacking moves. Armstrong was the best attacker on the field. Hamilton played a great game at centre half for Makedonia and his wing halves, Josifovski and Balkanov combined to form an effective counter to all attacks, until the dying stage of the game when Monan slid in the all important goal.

Luck must go Makedonia's way soon, for the brand of Soccer they're playing deserves it.

Teams:—

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Morks, Howlett, Barna, Josifovski, Hamilton, Balkanov, Short, Grozdanov, Currie, Boshkovski and Stankovic.

HAKOAH: O'Hara, Baker, O'Neill, Murney, Van Alphen, Stenhouse, Purdie, Armstrong, Monan, Anderson and Petersen.

Crowd: 2345.

Referee: Mr. C. Contini.

Abonyi threat to Armstrong

Attilla Abonyi (Melb.) with a hat-trick against J.U.S.T. is now chasing Jim Armstrong in the State League goal-scoring list and together with Kokinos (Hellas) and Tony Hughes (J.U.S.T.) could be the real threat to Hakoah's striker, writes Stephen Kalus.

This is how they stand after the first week of the second round:

12 goals: Armstrong (Hak.)

10 Kokinos (Hel.), Abonyi (Melb.)

9 Reid (Sl.), Hughes (J.U.S.T.)

8 Savage (Sl.)

7 Currie (Mak.), Vojtek (Cr.)

6 Horsfall (G.C.), Kurta (Melb.). Monan (Hak.), Przybylski (Pol.)

5 Roseweir (L), Kowalec (Pol.), McIvor (G.C.), Nestorides (Hel.), J. McKay (Cr.)

4 Micic (J.U.S.T.), Daminakos (Hel.), Kamboropolus (Hellas), Kazi (J.U.S.T.), Robert s o n (G.C.), Lockhurst (Juv.), Torque (Juv.)

3 Myers (Melb.), Swoboda (Pol.), Barbazza (Juv.), Bell (Juv.)

2 Adlam (Cr.), Bacovic (Alex.), Dezsofi (Melb.), Ackerley (Hel.), Smith (Hak.), Purdie (Hak.), Jurecki (Sl.), Kerr (Sl.), Grosdanow (Mak.), G. Murnie (L), Petersen (Hak.), Jim O'Neil (Hak.), Armur (G.C.), Olinowski (Pol.), Siwka (Pol.), Di Marchi (Juv.), Closs (Juv.).

ABONYI SCORES A HAT-TRICK

Last week-end's State League goalscorers were:

Melbourne 7 (Abonyi 3, Stoffels 2, Kurta, Myers) d. J.U.S.T. 1 (Hughes); Croatia 2 (J. Mackay, Vojtek) d. Slavia 1 (McCorquodale); Polonia 5 (Pzyzybylski 2, Siwka, Swoboda, Olinowski) d. Alexander 0; Hakoah 1 (Monan) d. Makedonia 0; Hellas drew with Juventus 0-0; Lions drew with George Cross 0-0.

WEEK-END REFEREES

STATE LEAGUE

Saturday, July 1

JUVENTUS v. LIONS (St. Kilda C.G.) — Radulovic, Bartolo, McGhee

PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. POLONIA (Olympic Park) — Greenwood, Dixon, Contini

GEORGE CROSS v. MELBOURNE (Selwyn Pk.) — Wootten, Randall, Thorn

Sunday, July 2

ALEXANDER v. S. MELB. HELLAS (Olympic Pk.) — Maitland, Pedler, Keeler

HAKOAH v. CROATIA (Middle Park) — Stafrace, Frost, Riches

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (Schintler Res., F'scray) — Edwards, Finnegan, Ward

FIRST DIVISION

Saturday, July 1

SUNSHINE CITY v. BRUNSWICK ATHENA — Mellings, Francis, Tuffield

R'WOOD CITY WILHELMINA v. ST. ALBANS — Armstrong, Lechner, Sykes

BOX HILL v. DANDENONG CITY — Delange, Turner, P. K. Lucas

MAR'NONG TRIESTINA v. ELWOOD AUSTRIA — Lamb, Simko, Venios

COBURG v. MORELAND THISTLE — Blake, McKie, Ricci

SANDRINGHAM v. SPRINGVALE — Yelland, D. Walker, Vena

SECOND DIVISION

UNIV. OF MELB. v. ALTONA — Del Colle

PARK RANGERS v. PRAHRAN — Slaats

ALBION ROVERS v. BRIGHTON — Alexandrou

FERNTREE GULLY v. GREEN GULLY AJAX — Bakens

BAYSWATER v. FRANKSTON CITY — Barrance

RICHMOND v. RINGWOOD UNITED — Pavlovic

THIRD DIVISION

WAVERLEY v. ESSENDON — Boudrie

KEILOR CITY v. MOORABBIN — Kelly

CROYDON v. GLENROY UNITED — Sarto

HEIDELBERG v. CHELSEA — Browne

FLINDERS N.D. v. PRINCES PARK HERCULES — Lucas

ST. KILDA v. SOUTH YARRA — Chetcuti

FOURTH DIVISION

YALLOURN v. DONCASTER ROVERS —

MOOROOLBARK v. NEWPORT — Morel

DEER PARK I.C.I., bye

MONASH UNIV. v. CLAYTON — Verniers

E. MELB. HELVETIC v. MORNINGTON — Fetterplace

N. CARLTON OLYMPIC v. ROSEBUD — McIntosh

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday, July 2

CHADSTONE INDEPENDENCE v. WESTALL VW — Tuffield

CLARINDA v. FISHERMANS BEND G.M.H. — Venios

C.Y.M.S. GLENROY v. LANGWARRIN ALLSTARS — Oracz

CROYDON 3rds v. UNIV. GRADUATES — Sykes

WEST SUNSHINE v. WEST PRESTON — Zoumas

YARRAVILLE, bye

CARLTON v. VICTORIA STAR — Vena

PARKVILLE v. SYDENHAM — Moorhouse

R.A.A.F. LAVERTON v. FITZROY — Mather

UNITED'S GIFT TO GILES

The Manchester United Soccer players have raised more than 500 dollars in a whip round for injured Sydney player Ron Giles.

He's currently off work for six weeks following a difficult operation for a fractured cheekbone.

The injury occurred when Giles figured in a clash with Manchester United captain Denis Law which resulted in the Scot being angrily hooted by the crowd.

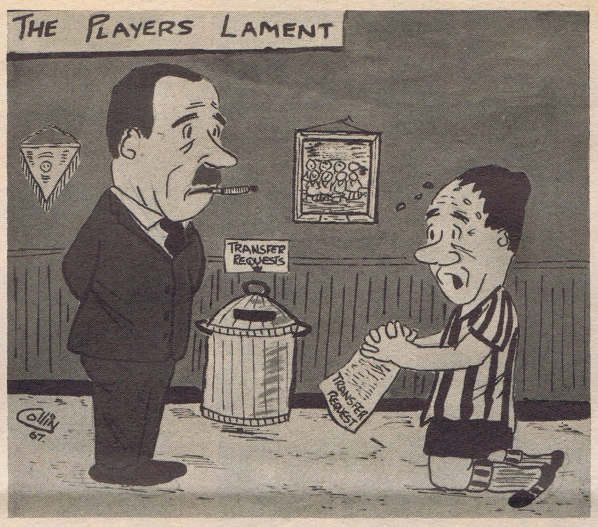
It was the one black spot on the most successful tour ever staged in Australia.

Matt Busby approached local officials to say his players were very upset about the injury suffered by Giles and were anxious to make a collection to help the Sydney inside forward over any financial difficulty.

It is believed that the list of subscriptions was topped by Law himself.

Such a gesture by the Manchester United players proves that $250 a week professionals are not to spare a thought for a boy who plays Soccer only as a part timer, and to whom the loss of a week's wages is a very serious business.

TASSIE STAR NOT COMING



"Please release me. Let me go". With apologies to Engelbert Humperdinck. Transfers finish for this year on June 30)

Spoke with Barry Shacklady, one of the top players in Tasmanian Soccer, last Saturday.

Barry plays for Olympia and is an inside forward striker.

He's been seen in Melbourne with his club in their Australian Cup match against Hakoah at Olympic Park last season and he attracted the attention of both the Middle Park Club and George Cross.

He also played for Tassie against Chelsea and in company of locals Mike Jurecki, Frank Donlevy and Terry Hartley who guested on that occasion for Tasmania.

Barry comes from Manchester and trained with Hakoah last week.

He told me he was keen to move to Victoria if a suitable offer was made but unfortuntaely his wife and himself didn't see eye to eye on such a move.

Barry's wife prefers the quietness of the Apple Isle to the rat race in Melbourne.

So it seems for the moment anyway that Tassie's top Soccer star won't be coming to the Mainland.

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THANKS TO THEM ALL

Now the tour season is over, a word of thanks to those who have played a major part in all the arrangements:

● W. D. & H. O. Wills, the sponsors of the tours and especially Messrs. Brennan, Thorpe and Mason.

● The Victorian Soccer Federation and especially the tour sub-committee for their excellent arrangements and hospitality to the visitors, Press, etc.

● Olympic Park Trustees, their management and ground staff.

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WHERE DID THEY ALL COME FROM?

Normally anything from half a dozen to a dozen regular Soccer writers, radio and television commentators use the Press room at Olympic Park.

How different it was for the big show games.

In the last game against Manchester United, I counted 49 in the Press-room, many of whom contributed absolutely nothing towards the publicity of the game.

I don't mind the "once a year boys" getting a go. But in return for the facilities granted they should also give Soccer a go.

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HOT AIR FROM SYDNEY

It's been pretty cold in Melbourne recently but plenty of "hot air" blowing down from Sydney has helped us along.

Screaming from the rooftops that New South Wales were the first team in Australia to score against Manchester United, shows just how petty they can be in proclaiming their praises and blowing their own trumpets.

However, facts are facts, and the record book will always show that Victoria were the only State side in Australia to hold the mighty Manchester United to a 1-1 draw.

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DON'T LET'S LOSE OUR HEADS

With the Scotland and Manchester United games well behind us, now is the time to reflect and assess our stocks.

To say that Australian Soccer has come of age, to say we are getting near world class as some have done, is just moonshine.

The game has undoubtedly improved in Australia, many players did well both for Australia and Victoria, but we still have a lot to learn.

So let's not kid ourselves that everything in the garden is rosy and that Celtic, Inter Milan or Benefica can be lined up as possible victims in 1968.

As part-timers and mainly rejects from overseas, our players did remarkably well but no one in their right senses expects Australian Soccer to take one mighty leap and find itself slap-bang into the big time just to satisfy the ego of a few.

Australia and the States must build a team for the future.

Not merely select a team to oppose the visiting tourist sides a few weeks before they arrive.

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WILL PELE JOIN INTER?

Still suffering from their European Cup Final defeat, Inter-Milan, the greatest club side in Europe over the past few years, are likely to make a bid for the services of the great Brazilian star, Pele, within the next few days.

Pele, is in fact in Europe at the moment, and recently played in Italy with his club side, Santos.

A fee of $750,000 (Aust.) has been mentioned in connection with Pele's transfer.

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AFRICANS READY FOR BEST IN 10 YEARS

Lozan Kotzev, the coach of the Bulgarian Football Association and a former international centre forward, reckons the African nations will be challenging the world's best in 10 years time.

Kotzev should know.

He recently returned to Sofia after spending five years coaching in the Sudan.

He reckons Sudan, Egypt and Ghana are ready now to match the second best countries in Europe.

We shall see.

NEXT WEEK

A Startling Analysis

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

This is the question Fred Villiers has asked Michael Weinstein, Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

He asked it at the end of the two big tours of Scotland and Manchester United.

Michael Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein has come up with some startling answers.

He talks about Victoria's as well as Australia's future in the round ball game.

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Read what Mr. Weinstein has to say about the future of our Soccer next Thursday.

Order a copy from your newsagent now.

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TAFFY'S FOCUS ON FORM POOLS

THERE'LL be another six figure first prize dividend on the Treble Chance Pools for last Saturday's winners.

Only the bare eight Draws on the coupons — four in Victoria, and two each in Queensland and Western Australia — on the Saturday matches.

It's possible, the way the draws fell on the coupons that the first prize will be paid on 23 points (Seven Draws and one Away winner) and even then the dividend will be in the record-breaking figure because of the small number of away winners.

The balance of the coupons were 11 Away winners, 31 Home winners and three N.S.W. matches postponed because of waterlogged grounds, in the Treble Chance these three games will count as two points each, two of the four Tasmanian matches were void because of the mix up in the fixtures of the Falkiner Cup semi-finals.

The TEN AWAYS Pool will be in world record prize money payout. If you missed out on one you may be lucky enough to collect.

All the "Home Bankers" came good so perhaps the Twelve Homes Pool will just about cover your stake money.

Here are the June 17 Treble Chance dividends in sterling currency:—

VERNONS — Treble Chance — 24 pts. £1197/2/- for farthing, 23 pts. £10/4/-, 22½ pts. £6/10/-, 22 pts. 7/-.

LITTLEWOODS — Treble Chance Pool: 24 pts. £1394/1/- for 1d., 23 pts. £11/13/0, 22½ pts. £9/9/-, 22 pts. 18/-, 21½ pts. 8/-.

It looks as if we've had our feast of Soccer, from the two visiting overseas teams, we must admit that of the games Manchester United gave the fans the excitement, what a difference at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Makes you think of the old saying "After the Lord Mayor's Show comes the . . . ." Even the Press Box was silent, there were only three of us in attendance, on the Wednesday night when Manchester United were playing there were 49 Press men there with more upstairs in the centre stand. Didn't realize Soccer had such a large newspaper coverage!

Victorian teams are well in the lead in the draws race for the Treble Chance punters, Frankston City in Met. Div. 2, is out in front with seven draws and six wins without a loss. How long will they keep it up.

In State League, Hellas and George Cross have four each, the Cross have drawn three of their last four games.

Gone are the days when draws were down to about four or five a week in Australian Soccer, the average has now been boosted up to about one draw in every seven matches which is not much less than the average for a normal season in Britain.

Following last week's games, here are the top teams in interstate leagues:

QLD. Div. 1: Latrobe, Thistle, Coalstars, Merton, Hellenic, Hollandia. Div. 2: Azzurri, Germania, Polonia, Budapest, Wynnum, Easts.

W.A. State: Azzurri, Tricolor, Cracovia, Swan Valley, Cottesloe, Perth City. Div. 2: Athena, Kiev, Subiaco, University, Dalmatinac. Div. 3: Manning, Medina, Queens Park, Sports, Victoria Park.

Now for NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, JULY 8. Here are my forecasts:

TWELVE HOMES

*Hellenic (N.S.W.), Artarmon (N.S.W.), *Germania (Q), *Athena (V), *Austria, *Springvale, *Altona, Brighton, *Frankston City, *Chelsea, South Yarra, *Azzurri (W.A.), *Kiev (W.A.), *Cracovia (W.A.), Windmills (W.A.), Bayswater (W.A.), *St. George (N.S.W.).

TEN AWAYS

*Hamilton (N.S.W.), *Hornsby (N.S.W.), *Arncliffe (N.S.W.), Coalstars (Q), *Melbourne, *Triestina, *Keilor, *Waverley, Monash, *Yallourn, Helvetic, *Tricolor (W.A.), *Medina (W.A.), University (W.A.).

THREE DRAWS

Dandenong v. Wilhelmina, Ajax v. Albion Rovers, Doncaster Rovers v. Olympic.

Now for the big money with the eight draws for the Treble Chance, I suggest the following:—

*Lane Cove v. Manly (N.S.W.), Concordia v. Marrickville (N.S.W.), *Wenty Waratahs v. South Sydney (N.S.W.), Yagoona v. Penrith (N.S.W.), *Polonia v. Hakoah, *Dandenong v. Wilhelmina, *St. Albans v. Sunshine City, *Ajax v. Albion Rovers, Prahran v. University, Hercules v. Heidelberg, *Doncaster Rovers v. Olympic, *Cottesloe v. Perth City (W.A.), Subiaco v. Athena (W.A.), Bassendean v. Sports (W.A.).

*Indicates best selections, GOOD LUCK — TAFFY.

BALLARAT KICKS ON

Ballarat City pulled out the stops and played champagne Soccer to defeat Polonia. Perhaps the players had learned of a big step forward in the club's organisation. A big announcement is due shortly.

Mt. Clear is pinning its hopes for the future on youngsters. With any hope of league honors gone it is team building for next year. Only four of the team last week was over the age of 18.

Leo Arts of Mt. Clear club has been invited to join the Victorian U-16 squad for training. Leo has learned his Soccer in Ballarat.

The Ballarat U-14's are improving. Seven of the boys who won 2-0 on Sunday against Heidelberg, are Australian born.

In spite of the "usual" opposition, junior Soccer is catching on in Ballarat. Tony Barlow, a teacher at Sebastopol Tech. School, has formed a school team and has a squad of over 20 fanatical players. A challenge is being thrown out to Ballarat schools for games, but in the meantime offers of a match with any other school are wanted. How about it Melbourne?

A junior carnival is being planned too, for the end of the season — **Mike Page.**

CLUB'S $19,000 FOR ISRAEL

Sydney's Hakoah club has raised $19,000 to the appeal for relief in Israel.

Most of the money came from officials and supporters, but the players and coach Tiko Jelisavcic all gave generously.

Jelisavcic donated a week's pay to the appeal.

Green light for Victoria

Australian Soccer Federation vice-president Jim Bayutti said in Sydney there would be nothing to stop Victoria from staging its own version of the Australia Cup.

"They can do anything they want once their local competition is finished", he said.

ISAAC'S SON

Isaac Spiegle, Hakoah committeeman, has become the proud father of a son, Michael — another future player for the Middle Park team.

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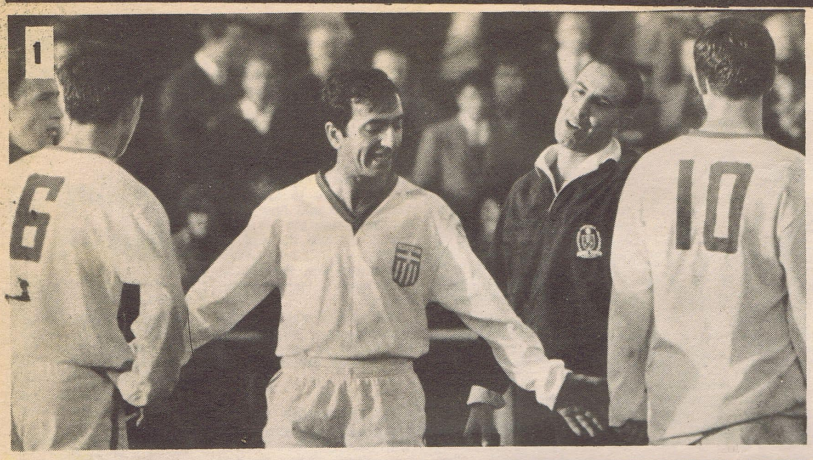

ARGUE THE POINT!
Last Sunday's match S.M. Hellas v. Juventus at Middle Park was delayed for several minutes when ref. L. Straface awarded a penalty against Hellas.

1. Hellas players give way to Straface's decision.
2. Hellas keeper Heinz Wenzel saves the penalty.
3. Wenzel rolls on his side and next to him is J. Bell from Juventus.
4. Tempers flare again.
5. J. Bell from Juventus seems to have the answer, but A. Roussis from Hellas puts an end to it all.

ALL IN VAIN — J. Bedford's shot for goal missed the post by inches. On the left is keeper Voigt, and centre half Scott.

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Letters

SIR, I would like to tell John Scott of Burwood, and anyone with the same false impressions as far as football is concerned, what is Aussie Rules. Mr. Scott has the guts to claim that this Victorian jungle law mix-up is football.

Their brainwashing propaganda which starts at their early days, in fact, as soon as a kid takes his first steps can produce nothing else but many John Scotts who can't appreciate the difference between brainy skilled footballers from giant-sized bashers.

How is it possible that this jungle mix-up, which is going on mostly in Melbourne, is better than our football which is played all over the world?

Do you know what's going on in America now? They're spending $25,000,000 on football, Soccer as you know it.

The greatest honor and pride of a young man is to represent his country. Your basher giants have no chance whatsoever. They can only represent the likes of Carlton or Fitzroy.

Come on Mr. Scott, you must be kidding when you write, "I'm glad of this, for not being international" — John Pantzopoulos, 11 Lydia Ave., Nth. Campbellfield.

SIR, I am 81 years old next August and an ardent Soccer follower. I do not worry anybody these days to get me a ticket in the stand for the big games as I have my own seat which I take along with me in a small bag.

It fits in one of the uprights of a crash bar and believe me it is good.

For example last Sunday I paid 50 cents to go on the ground and there I was sitting on a comfortable seat with a good view while all the other mugs who paid twice as much had to stand all afternoon.

They seemed to envy me on my comfortable seat, but I explained to them that they could make one too as it is quite easy. — John W. Gill, 22 Grey St., East Geelong.

SIR, Can I purchase any photographs from Soccer News and have you any photos of Pele (Brazil) or Santos club? — Joe Mizzi, 44 Berkshire Rd., W.20.

(Regret we don't sell Soccer News photos. We have no pictures of Pele or Santos — Editor.)

'We was robbed Yamug!'

Rudolph Abou Kater, Editor of An Noor, the only Australian-Lebanese journal in Australia, passed on the following story. He commented this is how the New Australian sees Australian Rules football.

"Now that me and Guiseppe is nationalised, we think may be we should see the football which is sport all Australians watch. So we goes to the football ground. When we is all made into sardines, two mobs wearing ski-jumpers comes running onto the ground and run around it picking up grass. Also comes onto the ground, the fella what owns the ball. He is called many things by the sardines, but most he is called "Yamug". Two guys called captains, they go off together and have a game of two-up. When they tell Yamug the results he gets mad and bangs the ball on the ground. The crowd she roars and I yells "kill the mug" when a big bloke tells me to shut my so and so face or he'll kill me.

"The bloke with straight hair called out "kick yamug". The ball was kicked at two flagpoles and when the crowd she roars again a poor fella in a white coat waves two flags to surrender, but they keeps on attacking him till the air raid siren goes and the crowd she leaves.

"As we leave, I says to Guiseppe, 'we'd better not bring any money next time we comes', because as we leaves I hear men saying — 'We was robbed'."

SIR, I've learned from the "Phantom Goalie" some interesting facts about the 1967 Soccer Club Insurance. Only the club registers, NOT every named player, as has been usual. 2. The benefits are adjustable to suit the needs of every individual club. 3. The term of protection, is a **full year**, from the date the policy commences. 4. The lucky clubs, who pass a year without one claim, enjoy a handsome discount, when renewing. 5. Juniors are also covered.

I am sure few clubs know this — G.U.C., Broadmeadows).

SIR, I feel obliged to answer remarks made in this column by John Scott of Burwood on the comparison of football codes. Although I am an ex-Australian Rules player I have always been interested in other codes and firmly believe that too many people make judgment on a game without the willingness or tolerance to understand the rules of the particular sport.

Mr. Scott's remarks echo the insular attitude of many Melbourne footy fans who challenged the promotion of interstate rules matches on the basis that it interfered with club fixtures. I am amazed that the claim that very little teamwork exists in Rugby and that Mr. Scott dared to bring up the question of ball-handling.

Compared to the smooth passing in Rugby, the handling in Rules is pathetic. I believe Soccer is the ideal code because it is fast, clean and open with the right balance of skill and vigor, and the fact that it is fully international is proof of this.

Mr. Scott says he is "glad that his game is not international", because the quality of the game would fall away. I do not understand his reasoning, but there is not much chance of this happening, unless perhaps, Western Australia becomes a republic.

Aussie Rules is a good pastime Mr. Scott, but let's keep it in perspective — Geoff Marbridge.

SIR, I am writing to your paper in the hopes that some of those who are genuinely interested in bringing Soccer to the fore in Victoria may acknowledge at least one of my ideas as reasonable.

I feel that now is an excellent time to act, while that interest which has been dormant in Soccer fans of old, has been aroused by the visits of Manchester United and Scotland, and so soon after the Victorian team has proved that while it may not be of an international standard, it is a better team than many of us realised.

I suggest that more be done to take Soccer to the people, rather than always expecting the people to come to Soccer.

There must be many keen Soccer fans in country areas who are unable to come to the city to see good matches played. Therefore, I say that good teams sent to the country to play exhibition matches must help keep alive that interest which will inevitably die when the only Soccer to be seen is fourth and fifth rate.

Proceeds from these matches could be divided between visitors and hosts, in order to cover costs, e.g., transport and advertising; and any surplus could be used for the development of good grounds in Victoria; or put to any useful purpose as seen by club members.

For those in both metropolitan and country areas, I feel that more advertisements giving kick off times, location of grounds, availability of sitting and standing room and any other relevant details, should be placed in leading, statewide and local newspapers, where otherwise Soccer is pushed into the background.

I suggest a reduction in admission prices. Half price for pensioners who have helped to establish the game in the past, and also for children who are the players, committees and auxiliaries of the future.

A dollar a head is far too high an admission price if Soccer is to become a family game — and surely if it does become a game to which men can afford to take their wives and children, interest must grow.

To those fans who feel, as I do, that Soccer deserves a better go than it is getting at the present, I say — sit down, write to this and other newspapers, expressing your feelings and ideas, until finally someone must take notice. —"Female Fan", Green St., Ivanhoe, N.21.

SIR, Forgive me, this message to you will bear no signature, as I have not the time at my disposal to join you in debate, however, I assure you that I send this message in all sincerity as an ex-Soccer player from way back and fan ardent from then on. At this moment of writing it is evident that the Aussie Rules game is becoming a little unpopular with many fans and according to press reports gate takings are on the decline, despite radio and press ballyhoo to bolster the sport.

This should be an excellent opportunity for Soccer leaders to engage in some form of readjustment which would give the Australian public a chance to know and get closer to the real game of football.

It is common knowledge Australian Rules is a game suitable for very tall men almost exclusively, consequently the chances of any rules player under five feet ten inches or thereabouts gaining a place in a senior side is rather remote. However, the most amazing aspect of the football world in south Victoria is the stubborn refusal of the Soccer management to change the club names.

Names such as Juventus, Slavia, Hakoah, Hellas mean nothing to Aussie teenagers looking for Saturday afternoon sport entertainment, so what do they do? They turn to the peanut scramble. As new clubs are formed get the youngsters interested with names such as "Cannon Balls", "The Streaks", "Hell Bents", "Hot Peppers", "Elites". Well, you name it — N. Thusiastic (Hawthorn).

SIR, Congrats. to your excellent sports paper for that wonderful action shot of Bobby Charlton on the front page. It's about the best I've seen. Also the lay-out and presentation of those souvenir papers for the "big" games — superb! Soccer's "kicking on" alright!

I also admire the prominance you gave that leter on "Aussie Rules" football from John Scott, of Burwood. After all, he is in the "enemy camp" and a fair say for all can only win us more friends for the round-ball code.— Bill Bartsch, 3 Allendale Rd., Croydon.

(These are the letters which make an Editor feel he's really doing something worthwhile. — Editor.)

Mike wants a coaching job

Mike de Bruyckere, the man who coached Victoria's State team to that fine 1-1 draw with Manchester United, is looking for a job.

Yes, that's right. He wants a coaching job.

If any club's interested they can contact Mike after business hours, at 870 3047.

SIR KENNETH LUKE, V.F.L. chief, doesn't need a P.R. or ideas man. All he has to do is follow Soccer. He can't lose. He told H.S.V.-7 viewers on Sunday night "Sunday League Aussie Rules football was just round the corner. Six teams could play on Saturday, and six on Sunday". How's that for a straight out pinch from the round-ball game? He also said a board of businessmen should control the major issues of football (same as our set up in Soccer) and he would try to introduce promotion and relegation with the V.F.A. (Soccer has had this **for years**).

He said the decline in football crowds this season was not serious as many people thought. He admitted that if it wasn't for the big Press coverage, Aussie Rules would suffer. But he had the cheek to say the V.F.L. didn't get enough publicity!

If he was Soccer's chief he'd really have something to complain about, wouldn't he?

STILL no reply to Victoria's challenge to play N.S.W. Guess the New South Welshmen must have chickened out!

IN TOUCH

with FRED VILLIERS

KEITH DUNSTAN, The Melbourne Sun columnists, has started something with his anti-footy club. It didn't take long for Soccerites to join up. Now I hear 108 V.S.F. clubs are seeking membership.

NEVER seen so many so-called journalists in the Olympic Park press box as I did for Wednesday night's Manchester United game. At one stage I counted 49. Strange how they all got into the room. It's even stranger when you ask some of them for a few lines of publicity for Soccer. One genuine pressman, 3AK's Peter Kavanagh, was forced out into the outer. But he did at least see all the game. That's more than I can say for myself.

I was sitting at one end of the Press bench and could only see part of the ground. Peter, incidentally, was one of the radio men who gave the game excellent pre-match cover.

VICTORIA'S State League clubs were disappointed when they learned of the death of the Australia Cup this year. "What have we been fighting for?", they asked. Only recently, Hakoah spent big money on John Anderson. What for? They were not threatened with relegation. They wanted to make sure they finished in the top four with a chance to play in the Cup. But perhaps something new can come from Victoria's plan to run an interstate championship of their own at the end of the season. It's certainly worth a try.

ON the agenda at the International Board meeting in Belfast is a suggestion that charging the goalkeeper should be made illegal. This one cropped up a year ago, but was deferred "for further study." There's nothing in the rules at present to prevent a player charging a goalie who is holding the ball. The continentals were first to "leave the goalie alone" and more and more this is creeping into Australian Soccer. When a forward — quite legally — charges a goalkeeper nowadays he is invariably greeted with howls of derision from the fans And many referees — wrongly — award a free kick against him. The time has come to end the confusion by putting it down in black and white in the rule-book.

NORTHERN N.S.W. Soccer League has changed its instruction that Slavia United should play their next three "home" games behind locked gates and without spectators, and, instead, fined the club $250. The changed decision is a sequel to the Newcastle City Council ruling that Mayfield Park, Slavia's ground, can't be closed since it is a public park. This was known by the League when it made its decision to ban attendance at Slavia's matches. The action was taken following an attack on referee H. Hall after a match between Slavia and Dudley-Redhead.

J.U.S.T. is lowly placed in the State League "because some players are not pulling their weight." That's what a clubman told me this week. "Financially we're sound. We've never been in a better position," he said. There's talk of junior talent in the club, and two — John Evans and John Mracinkiewicz — should make the first team within a couple of years.

AS Matt Busby left Melbourne he gave the same advice all leading overseas Soccer men give us. "You will never build your game relying on imports. You must get into the schools." Matt said boys had to start playing between the ages of 6 and 10. "You must get a first-class coach and be prepared to pay him big money and then he'll coach your coaches. There's great Soccer potential in this country. You must provide comfort and modern faciliies at your grounds. The days when people were happy to stand out in the rain are over. Of the 60,000 crowd who watch us play at Old Trafford, 57,000 are under cover", he said.

IT was the greatest Soccer team we'd ever seen in Melbourne and the biggest crowd ever to turn out to a night football match here, footy or otherwise. All this happened at Olympic Park last Wednesday night. A leading evening paper carried a six-paragraph preview of the game! Of course, there were the usual three pages of the other game.

DENIS LAW may be the greatest forward in the game, but he certainly isn't the most courteous. Our man "Taffy" went down to the United's dressing room and was virtually kicked out and abused by the little fiery inside forward. "We don't allow ——— Pressmen in our rooms in Manchester", said the little man with the big football reputation.

ANOTHER SPLIT COMING?

By MARTIN ASTON

The growing split between officials in Sydney and Melbourne may influence the N.S.W. Soccer Federation to sponsor its own tour by a team from overseas in February of next year.

Such a visit would not clash with the Australian Soccer Federation's major tour later in the season.

Czechoslovakia's national team is on offer to come to Australia early next year.

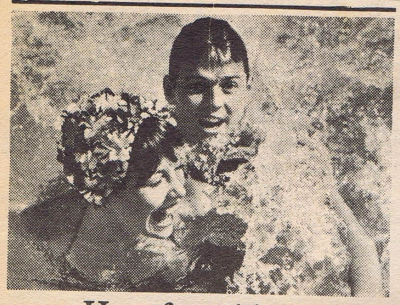
An approach for such a brief visit was made to a leading Sydney official a week ago, and the offer is expected to be discussed at next Wednesday night's meeting of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation's council.

The usual practise for such a tour is for matches to be played in Melbourne and possibly Adelaide.

But it is known that a small but influential section of N.S.W. officials favor going it alone and keeping all of the profits from a couple of matches.

It is to be hoped that such a thing does not happen.

Soccer in Australia is never going to progress as it should until leading officials in Sydney and Melbourne can work together in harmony for the common cause of developing Soccer to be Australia's No. 1 code of football.



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It's really on at Ringwood

Jubilee Park, Ringwood, this Saturday, sees the big Metropolitan clash of the season between top dogs Ringwood City Wilhelmina and St. Albans.

Ringwood City will be smarting over last week's surprise loss to Sunshine City and the Saints have yet to hit top form.

It has the makings of a great game as both are big occasion teams.

The Saints have the best defence in Metro Soccer with the Marth brothers, "Butch" Landherr and Levante David the stars.

Whereas Ringwood have one of the strongest forward lines with Bob Wyatt, Steve Atkins and Harry Keuken giving them the drive.

The surface at Jubilee Park will help the ball-playing Ringwood side and for this reason I go for a narrow win to City.

To complete an interesting round, Maribyrnong Triestina play Elwood and so the top four play each other.

Elwood have regained some of their early season sparkle and are a danger to any side.

Maribyrnong are still inconsistent, but are capable of better things.

I'm going for level pegging in this clash.

Coburg have what could be their last chance this week when they meet Moreland and I know they'll be trying their hearts out.

Moreland haven't got last season's power and Coburg could show that they're not finished yet.

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In the surprise of the day, Sunshine City beat Ringwood City 2-0 at Sunshine, and deserved to do so with a fine display of determination.

Sunshine were out to win at all costs to keep their slender promotion hopes alive.

Ringwood played the better Soccer, but couldn't counter the grim determination of Sunshine.

Sunshine scored their first after 14 minutes when Ray Pocock spotted a gap in Ringwood's defence to shoot home from 20 yards.

When Ringwood did attack they found Bill Johnston in goal in great form and one of his saves from a Harry Keuken cannonball brought the house down.

The second goal came just after interval when following a free kick by Bobby Pocock, Alby Seenan sent a sizzler into the bottom right-hand corner of the net.

Best players: Sunshine: Bill Johnston, Bobby Pocock and Roy Cochrane.

St. Albans moved back to the top with a 2-1 win over Box Hill, but left it until the last minute to get the winner.

Box Hill were forced to make late replacements when Eddie Wilson withdrew with an arm injury and Jimmy Mines was late arriving and only played in the second half.

Nevertheless the Hillmen were first to score when Flynn passed to Oxton who chipped the ball over for Joe Bray to net.

Saints got on top, but good work in defence by Maxwell and Rae held them at bay until just after the break.

Then with the Hillmen setting up their defence, Joe Marth surprised with a great 35-yard drive to equalise.

The Saints kept up the pressure, but with Keys and Oxton prompting they couldn't pierce the Hillmen's defence.

But then came the late winner scored by Peter Bluhm with a cracker following a corner.

Best players: St. Albans—Joe Marth, Bluhm, Hilliard. Box Hill — Keys, Maxwell and Bray.

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In an unexciting game, Sandringham held Moreland to a 0-0 draw, on the controversial Campbell Reserve.

The ground was in good shape, but unfortunately the players weren't equal to it.

Neville Luyt had a couple of chances for Sandy and Duncan Carmichael hit the underside of the bar for Moreland.

Dandenong, although holding their own in the first half, collapsed later and went down to Maribyrnong 5-0.

A defensive error let outside-right Minale put Maribyrnong ahead at the interval.

Then Juharz and Higgins took advantage of further defensive errors to make it 3-0.

But with their tales up, Maribyrnong forged on and two fine goals from Gow and Kenny completed the scoring.

SECOND DIVISION

Frankston again drew, and return to the second spot. They have now drawn seven of their 13 games, winning the other six.

They're "Littlewoods" favorite customers, and boy, they make "Taffy", our Pools' expert's job a lot easier.

Brighton crashed to the fast - improving Ferntree Gully who must be considered as contenders for promotion.

Altona upset Ringwood United's chances and improved their own in winning 2-1.

A crowd of about 400 saw Steve Herman put Altona ahead in the first minute with a good shot from a long pass by Craig Copley.

Ringwood came back and Jan van Laar gave Ian Roberts no chance with a 20-yard free kick.

But Billy Wilkie, with another great shot, put Altona back in the lead from 22 yards which beat Jansen all the way.

Keith van der Poel had a fine drive saved by Jansen. Then Ringwood put everything into attack and Ian Roberts made two impossible saves.

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Frankston had already defeated Richmond early in the season and were pretty confident about winning again.

However, Richmond have improved tremendously and surprised Frankston to force a 2-2 draw.

Richmond had the edge for the first half hour and went ahead after only 10 minutes, but couldn't improve on this mainly because of Frankston's defence in which Morrison Valk and Hall were the pick.

The equaliser came when Hall, under pressure, passed to Leenstra. The centre forward on the right, half volleyed the ball for Hans Gussenhoven to deflect it home.

It was a strong and vigorous game and the Seasiders began to get the upper hand.

The winner came in unusual fashion with Hans Gussenhoven scoring direct from a corner kick on the left wing.

In the closing minutes, Frankston's players swarmed around the Richmond goal, but couldn't capitalise.

Frankston have still not enough punch up front and it's hard to understand why Kurt Schroeder, who was the driving force at the start of the season, was played at centre half.

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Prahran fought all the way in losing 2-1 to Albion Rovers in a really hard game, at Como Park.

Charlie Bussuttil gave Rovers a half time lead although Bill Ratcliffe was unlucky on a couple of occasions.

Five minutes from time John Stuart put Rovers further ahead after his first shot had rebounded off keeper Duncan.

With only a minute to go, Brian Donelly got one back when he scored with a long dropping shot.

Best players: Prahran — Bill Radcliff. Albion Rovers — M. Hope, C. Fortini, and M. Borg.

Bayswater rose from the bottom with a good win at Green Gully and the pressure is still on there.

THIRD DIVISION

Keilor City, who last year gained promotion from the Fourth Division are now showing some of that form and on Saturday they beat one of the favorites, Waverley 3-2, in a high standard game.

Colin Waller raised Waverley's hopes when he scored after five minutes but with Keilor mastering the conditions better, they went to a 3-1 lead.

Grasior equalised then Kasekalian and Trzaskoma put them into a handy lead.

Waverley had most of the play in the second half, but only reduced the arrears in the last minute through Steve Healey.

Best players: Waverley — Beatty, Waller, Thomas.

Chelsea now move from second position to a two-point lead at the top with a 5-1 victory over Flinders Naval Depot.

Robert Dale with two goals in the first half gave Chelsea the upper hand.

Navy scored straight after the restart and it looked as though it could be close.

But Jimmy Logan showed a glimpse of his early season form and banged in two goals with the other coming from an own goal.

Best players: Chelsea — Vic Finlay, Brian Walker and Brian Harris.

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St. Kilda followed up last week's draw with Chelsea with another form upset in drawing 1-1 with Princes Park Hercules.

The Saints while not having the best side in the League are now playing more as a team and their results have improved accordingly.

Princes Park held an interval lead but Hanky Meyer levelled 10 minutes from the end with a 30-yard screamer.

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Best players: St. Kilda — H. Schildt, Peter Breebaart, Colin McLean.

One of the big shocks was Glenroy's 3-0 win over Heidelberg and one of the most influential players was Glenroy captain, Billy James.

Glenroy's young side gave Heidelberg the run around and but for Sommers in goal, the score would have been bigger.

Stars for Glenroy were Laurie Gafa, Andy Czapmik and Bill Gregory.

Glenroy's reserves drew 1-1 and Keith Johnston was the scorer. All the reserve team are under 19. Looks like some good prospects at Glenroy especially as they're undefeated.

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Croydon made several changes with Cor Koen and Roy Howard both injured. Alan Cook, Alistair Giffin and Jack Giffin came in.

But it was Moorabbin who went ahead when Terry Starling scored following a defensive error.

Leo Kinwell equalised from a cross by Alan Cook then with only five minutes left, Jack Giffin hit a post and collected the rebound to get the winner.

In the reserves game, Croydon won 2-0 with Terry Megginson scoring a goal in each half, the second from a penalty.

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With South Yarra gaining another valuable point it now looks odds on Moorabbin and F.N.D. for relegation.

FOURTH DIVISION

Giant killers Clayton put up another great performance when they beat East Melbourne 1-0 and it's a wonder they're not up with the leaders.

East Melbourne were over confident and paid the price.

The winner came in the 38th minute when John Davidson scored following a low cross from the wing.

Although the first half was even, East Melbourne had easily the best of the exchanges after the break.

But the Clayton defence in which John Vanness, Mike Deaves and Archie Curry were outstanding, held firm.

Jean Claud Gilgean was the star for East Melbourne.

GROUNDS

Last week I criticised the Grounds and Fixtures Committee about refusing Moreland permission to play on Campbell Reserve. Well, as you are probably aware, they were given permission during the week but the whole question of whether grounds are suitable or not will change next season.

I spoke to V.S.F. Board member Enver Begovic and he told me that next year ALL grounds will be inspected which, as he says, is the fairest for all concerned.

This will be no mean accomplishment to inspect all grounds and if this is done, the Grounds Committee will have done a first-class job.

Most fans know that Triestina were refused permission to play on Sundays on their newly-acquired ground, the Fitzroy Cricket Ground.

What fans probably didn't know is that St. Albans got the same reply from the Federation.

Their request was occasioned as Keilor City share the same enclosed area, although there are two grounds in this area. The fixtures were messed up and in many cases they play at home the same week.

The answer given the Saints was that State League clubs pay $800 in fees, therefore they get preference.

I reckon State League clubs are scared stiff that Metro clubs will gain some of their supporters if they let them play on Sundays.

● **Don't forget to ring those reports in this Sunday between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. on 546 3068. I'll be waiting to hear from you.**

METRO SELECTIONS

FIRST DIVISION — Sunshine City, Ringwood City, Box Hill, Maribyrnong v. Elwood (draw), Coburg, Springvale.

SECOND DIVISION — Altona, Prahran, Brighton, Ferntree Gully, Frankston, Ringwood

THIRD DIVISION — Waverley, Keilor City, Croydon, Chelsea, Princes Park, St. Kilda

FOURTH DIVISION — Yallourn, Newport, Deer Park (bye), Monash v. Clayton (draw), East Melbourne, Nth. Carlton.

METRO MURMURS

● St. Albans signed Peter Troselj during the week from Croatia but he'll have to improve judging by last Saturday's performance.

● Dandenong are still trying to settle their disagreement with former coach Bert Geraerts.

● Frankston, who are trying to strengthen their forward line could make two signings this week.

● Ian McLeod (Box Hill) has transferred to Fourth Division Doncaster Rovers as predicted in this column.

● Louie de Marchi, the South Yarra player, is brother of Juventus star, Dino.

● For all Metro results, tune to 3XY at 6 p.m. on Saturday nights when yours truly and Alec Barr host "Soccer Summary".

SPORT WORLD

THE £30,000 DECKHAND

By KEN MONTGOMERY

WHO said present-day Soccer stars lead lives of leisure? Some players, deep down in the West Country, certainly don't put Torquay United's £30,000 centre forward, Robin Stubbs, among them.

The ex-Birmingham City leader has made himself a local hero with Plainmoor fans by banging home 103 goals in the last four successful Torquay seasons.

He realises that being hero-worshipped for nine months every year doesn't pay the rent in Soccer's "shutdown" season.

Hence the reason for Stubbs being currently all at sea. The 26-year-old scoring star does not try to hide his reason for spending the summer months as a deck steward on the pleasure boat "Pride of the Bay."

SUMMER WORKERS

"It's a question of cash," says Stubbs. "I know being a deck-hand is not what you'd expect of a footballer, but it does supplement the summer income when there are no wins or appearance bonuses coming in. Besides, it keeps me healthy."

Stubbs is by no means the only summer worker. Utility player John Reid and left winger Ronnie Barnes act as lifeguards. Ex-Chelsea 'keeper John Dunn is selling ice-cream.

But no matter what jobs Torquay players are doing, manager Frank O'Farrell has his entire staff report for training. It's the only club in England who have not closed down completely.

Says Stubbs: "We have never done this before, but I reckon we are bound to feel the benefit. Anything that will improve our promotion hopes is OK by us."

Torquay were, of course, the shock side of the Third Division last term, being inched out of a promotion place in the final four matches.

Stubbs and his team-mates don't mince words about their narrow miss. "Everyone lost form together and, unfortunately, it came at just the wrong time.

"Finishing sixth in the first season in Division III is pretty useful. I reckon we can improve on that next season. We are good enough for Division II," says Stubbs.

The big centre forward is obviously sincere — otherwise he would have signed for Swindon in a £30,000 deal just before the transfer deadline.

All Torquay hope is that the big clubs keep away from Stubbs. And from their brilliant young manager, Frank O'Farrell, too.

The ex-West Ham and Irish international, recently voted among Britain's top young managers of the future, refused the Carlisle manager's job when Alan Ashman moved up to West Bromwich.

I hear that Aston Villa may make him an offer. That will not surprise the Torquay players—or the public.

TICKET SALES HAVE SOARED

It is recognised that O'Farrell put them right on the Soccer map.

Plymouth Argyle, wealthiest of the West Country outfits, are enjoying a fantastically successful close season.

Season ticket sales have soared to £7,000—double last season's figure.

Ambitious Argyle are making their ground more comfortable. An extra 1,000 seats have been installed and new £15,000 floodlights erected.

Argyle could pay off both bills any day, for Manchester City are set to move in with a bid for their exciting wing half John Hore, currently refusing terms.

Argyle don't want to lose him but a £40,000 bid by City would obviously be tempting.

There could be a signing in the opposite direction. Manager Derek Ufton arrives back tomorrow morning from honeymoon.

He could move in with an offer for Bolton's unsettled forward, Francis Lee. Expect opposition. Lee is also strongly fancied by Manchester City.

INSIDE-FORWARD **ALAN GORDON** has decided to quit Hearts for South Africa. But he won't be allowed to play football there unless some club forks up £10,000 for his transfer.

Gordon and his wife, Hazel, fly out to Johannesburg at the beginning of July, where he will take up a position in commerce, and Hearts have given him the all-clear to approach any South African club. **BUT THEY WANT AT LEAST £10,000 FOR HIM.**

Said Hearts chairman **BILL LINDSAY** yesterday, "There is no question of releasing Alan. We shall consider any suitable offer around the £10,000 mark."

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STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
MELBOURNE	12	9	1	2	28	10	19
JUVENTUS	12	7	3	2	19	9	17
HAKOAH	12	7	2	3	26	12	16
S.M. HELLAS	12	5	4	3	25	16	14
CROATIA	12	6	2	4	21	16	14
SLAVIA	12	6	2	4	25	20	14
POLONIA	12	6	1	5	24	18	13
J.U.S.T.	12	5	1	6	19	34	11
LIONS	12	3	3	6	13	19	9
GEORGE CROSS	12	2	4	6	17	24	8
MAKEDONIA	12	2	1	9	15	28	5
ALEXANDER	12	2	—	10	9	35	4

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Albans	13	10	1	2	20	8	21
Ringw'd City Wilhelmina	13	9	1	3	36	12	19
Elwood Austria	13	8	2	3	25	14	18
Maribyrnong Triestina	13	7	3	3	29	15	17
Sunshine City	13	7	1	5	21	15	15
Springvale	13	6	3	4	23	21	15
Brunswick Athena	13	5	2	6	23	29	12
Dandenong City	13	4	2	7	16	27	10
Box Hill	13	3	4	6	13	25	10
Moreland Thistle	13	3	2	8	18	25	8
Sandringham	13	2	2	9	7	20	6
Coburg Utd.	13	2	1	10	12	32	5

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Altona	13	8	4	1	28	11	20
Frankston	13	6	7	—	25	16	19
Brighton	13	8	2	3	21	16	18
Ringwood Utd.	13	7	3	3	28	14	17
Ferntree Gully	13	7	3	3	32	16	17
Albion Rovers	13	7	2	4	21	15	16
Richmond	13	6	2	5	30	34	14
Green Gully Ajax	13	3	2	8	17	20	8
University of Melb.	13	3	2	8	13	21	8
Park Rangers	13	2	3	8	20	31	7
Bayswater	13	3	1	9	14	32	7
Prahran	13	2	1	10	11	34	5

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Chelsea	13	10	3	—	39	12	23
Waverley	13	10	1	2	53	14	21
Keilor City	13	10	1	2	45	20	21
Princes Pk. Hercules	13	9	1	3	34	17	19
Heidelberg	13	8	1	4	21	19	17
Essendon	13	6	1	6	28	20	13
St. Kilda	13	4	2	7	23	33	10
Croydon	13	4	—	9	23	32	8
South Yarra	13	3	2	8	27	38	8
Glenroy Utd.	13	4	—	9	22	31	8
Moorabbin	13	2	—	11	16	53	4
Flinders Naval Depot	13	2	—	11	18	55	4

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Yallourn	13	11	2	—	88	11	24
E. Melb. Helvetic	13	10	2	1	64	11	22
N. Carlton Olympic	13	8	4	1	47	16	20
Monash	13	9	1	3	30	21	19
Newport	13	7	1	5	44	30	15
Clayton	13	6	3	4	22	20	15
Mooroolbark	13	4	5	4	33	44	13
Doncaster Rovers	13	4	1	8	32	53	9
Mornington	13	4	1	8	17	33	9
Deer Park I.C.I.	13	3	1	9	18	41	7
Rosebud	13	1	—	12	5	84	2
Lilydale	13	—	1	12	9	45	1

DIVISION ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ringw'd City Wilhelmina	13	11	2	—	61	15	24
Sunshine City	13	9	2	2	33	19	20
Dandenong City	13	8	2	3	40	18	18
Box Hill	13	8	1	4	32	22	17
Elwood Austria	13	7	2	4	52	28	16
Springvale	13	7	1	5	33	23	15
Maribyrnong Triestina	13	4	2	7	20	34	10
Coburg Utd.	13	3	3	7	30	47	9
Moreland Thistle	13	4	1	8	23	40	9
Sandringham	13	3	1	9	20	38	7
St. Albans	13	3	—	10	22	38	6
Brunswick Athena	13	2	1	10	18	62	5

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ferntree Gully	13	11	2	—	43	12	24
Green Gully Ajax	13	8	1	4	38	25	17
Brighton	13	7	3	3	27	24	17
Altona	13	5	5	3	21	17	15
Park Rangers	13	6	3	4	26	22	15
Bayswater	13	6	2	5	31	27	14
Ringwood Utd.	13	4	4	5	26	32	12
Prahran	13	4	2	7	32	39	10
Frankston	13	4	1	8	26	30	9
Albion Rovers	13	1	6	6	24	30	8
University	13	2	4	7	20	35	8
Richmond	13	3	1	9	25	46	7

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Glenroy Utd.	13	11	2	—	38	11	24
Waverley	13	10	2	1	65	18	22
Croydon	13	9	1	3	38	30	19
Chelsea	13	6	3	4	22	18	15
Heidelberg	13	6	3	4	27	23	15
Keilor City	13	6	2	5	29	24	14
South Yarra	13	4	5	4	23	22	13
Essendon	13	5	1	7	31	40	11
Princes Pk. Hercules	13	4	2	7	38	37	10
St. Kilda	13	3	1	9	14	40	7
Moorabbin	13	1	2	10	13	46	4
Flinders Naval Depot	13	1	—	12	10	39	2

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Yallourn	13	11	—	2	70	19	22
E. Melb. Helvetic	13	10	—	3	46	19	20
Newport	13	9	1	3	47	21	19
Clayton	13	6	5	2	53	36	17
Monash	13	8	—	5	24	40	16
Deer Park I.C.I.	13	7	1	5	43	28	15
N. Carlton Olympic	13	5	2	6	34	31	12
Mooroolbark	13	5	1	7	30	49	11
Doncaster Rovers	13	5	—	8	15	48	10
Rosebud	13	2	3	8	18	44	7
Mornington	13	2	1	10	14	58	5
Lilydale	13	—	—	13	—	—	—

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
C.Y.M.S. (Glenroy)	12	8	3	1	41	11	19
Clarinda	12	8	2	2	37	26	18
Chadstone Independence	12	8	1	3	51	26	17
Langwarrin Allstars	12	6	3	3	32	23	15
Fishermens Bend G.M.H.	12	5	2	5	28	28	12
Westall VW	12	2	6	4	16	29	10
University Graduates	12	1	2	9	17	39	4
Croydon	12	—	1	11	22	62	1

NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Apia	11	9	1	1	35	28	19
Croatia	13	7	3	3	25	16	17
St. Geo. Budapest	12	8	3	1	24	21	17
Hakoah	12	7	4	1	27	11	15
Pan Hellenic	12	7	5	—	35	20	14
South Coast	12	4	5	3	22	23	11
Polonia	12	4	6	2	18	26	10
Prague	11	3	5	3	18	22	9
Canterbury	11	4	6	1	22	27	9
Melita Eagles	13	3	8	2	13	21	8
Yugal	13	3	8	2	13	38	8
Cumberland	12	3	8	1	14	28	7

BALLARAT AND GEELONG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bell Park	13	11	2	—	48	14	23
*Hamlyn Rangers	12	10	2	—	40	9	22
Corio	13	9	3	1	47	14	21
Indesco	13	9	2	2	41	19	20
Polonia	13	7	1	5	34	22	15
Geelong West	13	6	1	6	26	28	13
Ballarat City	13	6	—	7	25	30	12
Geelong	13	3	3	7	20	30	9
*Geelong City	12	2	2	8	13	36	6
Mt. Clear	13	2	1	10	14	39	5
Wendouree	13	2	1	10	13	51	5
Kosciuszko	13	1	1	11	12	41	3

* Does not include this week's game

NORTH OF YARRA OPEN AGE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	7	7	0	0	39	3	14
Moreland	7	4	1	2	21	19	9
Glenroy	7	4	0	3	23	13	8
Lions	6	4	0	2	15	16	8
Altona	6	3	1	2	20	9	7
Catania	7	2	0	5	10	32	4
Torino	5	1	0	4	2	18	2
Richmond	7	0	0	7	0	18	0

LATROBE VALLEY

UNDER 10's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Rangers	11	8	1	2	33	7	17
Moe	11	7	2	2	18	6	16
Yallourn	11	6	2	3	18	15	14
Newborough	11	6	1	4	34	8	13
Fortuna	11	6	1	4	22	12	13
Monash	11	5	1	5	5	19	11
Koalas	11	2	—	9	6	53	4
Rovers	11	1	—	10	1	37	2

UNDER 12's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Monash	11	11	—	—	63	4	22
Moe	11	8	—	3	38	15	16
Fortuna	11	7	—	4	26	23	14
Rangers	11	5	—	6	15	24	10
Newborough	11	5	—	6	14	31	10
Pegasus	11	4	1	5	20	9	9
Falcons	11	2	1	8	10	38	5
Yallourn	11	2	—	9	1	49	4

UNDER 14's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
MOE	10	7	2	1	43	6	16
MONASH	10	7	1	2	42	21	15
YALLOURN	11	7	1	3	39	22	15
FORTUNA	11	7	—	4	59	17	14
PEGASUS	10	6	2	2	33	16	14
SPARTANS	11	2	—	9	12	53	4
WARRAGUL	11	2	—	9	11	45	4
WONTHAGGI	9	—	—	9	2	69	—

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SYDNEY LEAGUES

Gymea .... 0 Riverside 2

Postponed: Artarmon v. N.S.W Univ., Sydney Univ. v. Sth. Sydney Thistle v. Ryde, Liverpool Int. v. East Side, Warringah v. Arncliffe.

QUEENSLAND DIVISIONS

Oxley .... 3 Latrobe 3
St. Helens ..... 5 Merton 3
Annerley ...... 2 Easts 0
G.A.P. .... 2 Bardon 0
Germania ...... 1 Polonia 2
University ...... 0 Sth. Coast 0

VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE

Croatia .... 2 Slavia 1
Melbourne ..... 7 J.U.S.T. 1
Polonia .... 5 Alexander 0

VICTORIA—DIVISION I

Athena .... 5 Springvale 3
Austria .... 3 Coburg 0
Dandenong ..... 0 Triestina 5
Moreland .... 0 Sandringham .. 0
St. Albans .... 2 Box Hill 1
Sunshine C. ... 2 Wilhelmina 0

VICTORIA—DIVISION II

Ajax .... 1 Bayswater 2
Altona .... 2 Ringwood 1
Brighton .... 0 Ferntree 4
Frankston ...... 2 Richmond 2
Prahran .... 1 Albion R. 2
University ...... 1 Pk. Rangers ... 2

VICTORIA—DIVISION III

Chelsea .... 5 Flinders 1
Essendon .... 0 S. Yarra 0
Glenroy .... 3 Heidelberg 0
Hercules .... 1 St. Kilda 1
Moorabbin ..... 1 Croydon 2
Waverley .... 2 Keilor 3

VICTORIA—DIVISION IV

Clayton .... 1 Helvetic 0
Doncaster ...... 5 Rosebud 1
Mornington .... 1 Olympic 2
Newport .... 5 I.C.I. 2
Yallourn ...... 11 Mooroolbark ... 0

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

Azzurri .... 6 Perth C. 1
Cottesloe .... 2 Windmills 2
Cracovia .... 5 Olympic 1
Swan Val. ..... 5 Swan Ath. 2
Tricolore .... 8 Cockburn 3

WEST AUSTRALIA—DIVISION II

Kiev .... 5 Caledonia 1
Maccabi .... 5 Scarboro' 3
Subiaco .... 3 Julia 3
University ..... 3 Dalmatinac 1

WEST AUSTRALIA—DIVISION III

Bayswater ..... 1 S. Perth 3
Queen's Pk. ... 3 Bassendean 1
Sports .... 4 Medina 2

TASMANIA CUP

Void.—Eagles v. Juventus, Olympia v. Rapids.

TASMANIA NORTH

Spartans .... 5 Rovers 0
Ulverstone ..... 6 Devonport 0

AND ALL THE RESULTS

Reserve results in brackets:

STATE LEAGUE

Polonia 5, Alexander 0 (4-3); Croatia 2, Slavia 1 (2-2); Melbourne 7, J.U.S.T. 1 (0-2); Hellas 0, Juventus 0 (0-0); Lions 0, George Cross 0 (3-0); Makedonia 0, Hakoah 1 (0-1).

FIRST DIVISION

Sunshine City 2, Wilhelmina 0 (2-2); St. Albans 2, Box Hill 1 (0-5); Dandenong City 0, Triestina 5 (1-1); Elwood Austria 3, Coburg 0 (2-6); Moreland 0, Sandringham 0 (3-4); Brunswick 5, Springvale 3 (0-4).

SECOND DIVISION

University 1, Park Rangers 2 (2-4); Prahran 1, Albion Rovers 2 (2-2); Brighton 0, Ferntree Gully 4 (0-4); Green Gully 1, Bayswater 2 (4-2); Frankston City 2, Richmond 2 (3-2); Altona 2, Ringwood United 1 (0-1).

THIRD DIVISION

Waverley 2, Keilor City 3 (2-2); Moorabbin 1, Croydon 2 (1-2); Glenroy United 3, Heidelberg 0 (1-1); Chelsea 5, Flinders 1 (Chelsea w/o); Princes Pk. 1, St. Kilda 1 (4-0); Essendon 0, South Yarra 0 (1-3).

FOURTH DIVISION

Yallourn 11, Mooroolbark 0 (7-0); Newport 5, Deer Park ICI 2 (3-4); Monash University Bye (Bye); Clayton 1, East Melb. Helvetic 0 (4-2); Mornington 1, Nth. Carlton Olympic 2 (0-1); Doncaster Rovers 5, Rosebud 1 (Doncaster w/o).

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

University 1, C.Y.M.S. Glenroy 1; Fisherman's Bend 2, Langwarrin Allstars 5; Clarinda 0, Chadstone 2; Westall 3, Croydon 3rds 0; Sydenham 3, Carlton 2; Bye, West Sunshine; West Preston 2, R.A.A.F. Laverton 0; Fitzroy 3, Parkville 0.

CANBERRA RESULTS

Juventus 2, Burns 2; Croatia-Deakin 1, Olympic 1; Concordia 4, Queanbevan 2; Cooma Utd. 5, ANU 5. To lose the championship, Juventus must lose all the remaining three games and Concordia win them. The two do not meet again in the league.—**Richard Lawson.**

N.E. SOCCER LEAGUE

Myrtleford 3, Wangaratta City 0; Milawa 2, Whorouly 1; King Valley 2, Wodonga 1; Cobram 5, Albury 0; Khancoban 5, Benalla 1.

Ladder: King Valley 17, Myrtlford 15, Cobram 15, Whorouly 10, Wang City 10, Khancoban 9, Milawa 9, Wodonga 6, Benalla 6, Albury 3.

BALLARAT, GEELONG

Results:

Div. I: Ballarat City 5, Polonia 2; Geelong 2, Geelong West 4; Indesco 11, Wendouree 0; Bell Park 5, Kosciuszko 2, Mt. Clear 0, Corio 3.

Div. II: Ballarat City 0, Belmont 5; Geelong 5, Geelong West 0; Indesco 4, Wendouree 2; Mt. Clear 1, Corio 12.

BALLARAT, GEELONG

Next week's games:

Div. I (Sat.): Corio v. Geelong, Ballarat City v. Mt. Clear, Hamlyn Rangers v. Indesco, Wendouree v. Bell Park, Polonia v. Kosciuszko, Geelong West v. Geelong City.

Div. II (Sat.): Corio v. Geelong, Ballarat City v. Mt. Clear, H. Rangers v. Indesco, Wendouree v. Bell Park, Geelong West v. Geelong City. Sun.: Belmont v. Ararat.

Under-14: Cup game — Northcote v. Ballarat Under 14.

LATROBE VALLEY

2nd Round Advertiser Shield Results:

Seniors: Warragul 3, RAAF 2, Moe 1, Rangers 3.

Reserves: Wonthaggi 3, Newborough 7; Moe 0, Pegasus 10.

Under-10's: Fortuna 2, Koalas 0; Rangers 1, Newborough 0; Moe 0, Yallourn 0; Monash 6, Rovers 0.

Under 12's: Fortuna 5, Yallourn 0; Moe 3, Rangers 0; Falcons 1, Newborough 3; Monash 8, Pegasus 1.

Under 14's: Wonthaggi 0, Fortuna 10; Spartans 1, Monash 8; Yallourn 2, Pegasus 4; Moe 3, Warragul 0.

NEXT GAMES

Here are the next State League games in Victoria: 14th Round:

Saturday, July 8: Lions v. Alexander (Montgomery Park, Essendon). Polonia v. Hakoah (Olympic Park). Makedonia v. Melbourne (Collier Street, Preston).

Sunday, July 9: Juventus v. George Cross (St. Kilda Cricket Ground). Hellas v. Slavia (Middle Park). Croatia v. J.U.S.T. (Olympic Park).

15th Round:

Saturday, July 15: Alexander v. Juventus (Olympic Park). Slavia v. Lions (Murphy Res., Port Melbourne). J.U.S.T. v. Polonia (Footscray).

Sunday, July 16: Hakoah v. Hellas (Middle Park). Melbourne v. Croatia (St. Kilda Cricket Ground). George Cross v. Makedonia (Olympic Park).

A.C.T. RULE

A.C.T. Federation have altered its constitution to allow substitution of players at any time. Previously no substitute was allowed apart from replacement of an injured goalkeeper — **Richard Lawson.**

Moscow, June 24 (AAP-Reuter) — Moscow Torpedo beat Yerevan Ararat 4-3 after trailing 0-3 at half-time in the only Soccer match played in the Russian League today. Moscow Dynamo lead the table with 19 points, and they are followed by Kiev 18 points, and Tbilisi 16 points. All teams have played 13 games.

PORTUGUESE

Setubal 3, Porto 0; Braga 1, Academica 2.

YUGOSLAVIA

Hajduk 4, Velez 1; Partizan 4, Olimpija 1; Zeljeznicar 2; Sutjeska 4, Radnicki 1; Dinamo 0, Sarajevo 0; Vardar 3, Red Star 2; Vojvodina 1, OFK Belgrade 0; Celik 0, Rijeka 0.

Madrid, June 25 (AAP-Reuter) — Results of second leg games in the semi-finals of the Generalissimo Soccer Cup last night: Valencia 2, Elche 0 (1-2); Atletico Bilbao 2, Cordoba 0 (1-0).

AUSTRIA

RH D Vienna 3, Admira Energie 1; Wacker Innsbruck 5, Schwarz - Weiss Bregenz 1; Sturm Graz 0, G.A.K. 1; Wacker Wien 6, Kapfenberg 1; Wiener Neustadt 1, FC Austria of Klagenfurt 0; Wiener Sportclub 4, FC Vienna 1; L.A.S.K. 1, FC Austria of Vienna 1.

NATIONAL COACH PROPOSED

It has been decided to appoint Australia's first full time national Soccer coach.

And the early favorite to get the job is Joe Venglos, the former Czech international who did such a good job in preparing Australia's team for the matches against Scotland.

The recent meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation's executive asked Australian Federation vice-president, Jim Bayutti, to recommend a suitable coach.

Mr. Bayutti will seek a report from the Australian Coaches Federation before nominating a coach for approval.

Such an appointment is long overdue because it is the only way in which Australia's rising young players are going to get the chance to make a bid for a place in the national squad.

The local youngster has the potential to make his presence felt in world-class Soccer if only he is given the opportunity and the proper coaching.

The Australian Federation is to be congratulated for deciding to spend some of the profit from this year's tours on employing a top-class coach.

Bailey fund nears $300

The "Ken Bailey Fund" for the widow and son of the late referee who died at a first division game is nearing the $300 mark.

Here are a list of donations:

$100, V.S.F.

$50 Soccer Referees' Association of Victoria.

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SAM LEITCH cables a frank football report **NEW YORK**

STOKE TO SUE DENNIS VIOLLET

SAM LEITCH

USA MUST HAVE SOCCER WEDDING

STOKE CITY, one of the official British clubs taking part in America's multi-million-dollar Soccer experiment, will freeze the £6,000 testimonial match receipts of their former skipper Dennis Viollet, because he has signed for one of the unofficial Yankee clubs, the Baltimore Bays.

"We are going the whole hog in this affair," says Manager Tony Waddington. He signed Viollet from Manchester United. "We will also sue Viollet and the Baltimore club.

"Viollet assured us he wanted to finish playing Soccer altogether and get out at the top.

"We are reporting Viollet to the Football Association and FIFA and have told all the facts to the United Soccer Association, who are promoting this official league in America."

The Baltimore Bays are one of ten clubs in America's unofficial National Professional League—a league consisting of players from 34 nationalities.

Baltimore are coached by Doug Millward, former Ipswich player and St. Mirren manager. Their general manager is Clive Toye, former Fleet-street football reporter.

Dennis Viollet (right) assured Stoke City that he wanted to quit Soccer altogether and get out at the top. Now the Stoke club finds he has signed on in America for the Baltimore Bays.

- **Sunderland manager Ian McColl has been quoted in American West Coast newspapers as "definitely very interested" in £100,000 transfer-listed Jim McCalliog, of Sheffield Wednesday.**
- **American referee Ed Clements abandoned the Glentoran v. Bangu (Brazil) match 17 minutes from the end of a 92-deg. temperature match in Detroit. Six Bangu reserves invaded the pitch. One grabbed a corner-flag and wagged it menacingly at the Yankee official.**
- **Glentoran are the only team to have had a player ordered off in the 12-club United Soccer Association Tournament. He thumped a linesman!**
- **Marvellous Cleveland description of Stoke's leading scorer, Roy Vernon—"The rocket-toed Prince of the Stokers!"**
- **Former British Davis Cup stalwart Mike Davies took time off from a professional touring at New York's Madison Square Garden to deliver current Wimbledon thoughts on the Amateur game. "I turned pro. because I was fed-up with the hypocrisy of amateur tennis. I wanted to make an honest living**
- **"I've known players in England sign up for two tournaments in the same week for a £35 guarantee at each.**
- **"They would lose on Monday in the first and then scamper off to the other on the Tuesday!"**
- **This happened in the Davies era of shamateurism. All that has changed is the guarantee. It's gone up to £75!**

WINCHESTER ON PRIVATE TRIP

ANOTHER controversial player dispute which could jeopardise chances of a merger between these rival leagues involved another British footballer—23-year-old Aberdeen forward, Ernie Winchester.

Aberdeen is another of the official British clubs playing in the States. But they did not bring transfer-listed Winchester to America.

He made the trip privately and signed for another of the unofficial clubs, the Chicago Spurs. Aberdeen have Winchester signed until the end of the 1967-68 season. They value him at £25,000.

Aberdeen also are reporting the Winchester facts to the Scottish League and to the appropriate American authorities.

President and general manager of Chicago Spurs, Al Kaczmarek, says: "We don't recognise slave clauses in North America. Ernie approached me and we signed him. I'm happy to have such a big star playing with Chicago."

Kaczmarek is a German-born American businessman, who went to Germany when the unofficial National Professional Soccer League were player-recruiting in Europe.

He later claimed that West Germany's brilliant World Cup star Franz Beckenbauer would join Chicago Spurs. Beckenbauer did not leave Germany.

IT'S SOCCER CANNIBALISM

MR. JIMMY MAGUIRE, chairman of the United Soccer Association, and also America's FIFA delegate, told me:

"I know of both the Viollet and Winchester affairs. This is the sort of player-poaching many of us were afraid would happen when a league is not recognised by FIFA.

"It is simply football cannibalism. And it makes talk of a merger difficult.

"We would never agree to admit any club into the official American League who was using a footballer contracted legally elsewhere."

Yet a merger is the only way I can see this football experiment possibly succeeding in the States.

At the moment, it is dog eat dog.

The official league is winning, as far as the attendances prove, although the entire spectator situation in American Soccer is not as rosy as much of the ballyhoo and drum-beating suggested.

FIVE YEARS' HARD LABOUR

AS in Canada, the majority of American spectators belong to the ethnic groups who long for the times of their youth in the Old Country.

American referees find the game too fast. The club travelling problem is not as difficult as the sudden temperature switches. But it would be unfair to either write-off or eulogise about US Soccer for at least another year.

Stoke manager Tony Waddington says: "The game will take on in the States. But it needs five years' hard work.

"I've been coaching in the schools and colleges. I've been impressed by the keen desire of the kids to find out about our sport."

Stoke have been playing regularly in 90-deg. temperatures accompanied by killing humidity.

"The Cleveland people have been marvellous. But they are so tremendously involved with their TV and Baseball."

Waddington's final word sums up this testy and unwieldy Soccer situation in the States: "Neither League can exist without the other. They must amalgamate."

It may not be the happiest of sporting marriages. But the very future of the world's most important sport in the world's richest country depends on how quickly somebody can get their football pair to the altar.

It is a confusing situation. Here is my plain man's guide to the complex 1967 shape of Soccer in the States.

Take the United Soccer Association Official League first.

There are twelve teams divided into Eastern and Western Sections. Stoke (playing in Cleveland) top the Eastern Section with 9 points from six matches (three wins and three draws).

Wolves (playing in Los Angeles) top the Western Section with 8 points from five games (three wins and two draws).

The other ten clubs are: Aberdeen (Washington), Glentoran (Detroit), Hibs (Toronto), Cerro of Uruguay (New York), and Shamrock Rovers (Boston), in the Eastern Section.

£15,000 EACH FOR CLUBS

IN the Western Section there are Cagliari of Italy (Chicago), Bangu of Brazil (Houston), Ado of Holland (San Francisco), Sunderland (Vancouver), and Dundee United (Dallas).

These teams play each other for a total of 12 matches and the two section leaders meet in mid-July to decide the Championship.

Each club has had its airfares, hotel bill and meals paid, the players collect £3 10s. per day pocket-money and after the 12-match series, the clubs will return home each richer by £15,000.

At the halfway-mark in the season the attendances average as follows:

Stoke (5,869), Aberdeen (6,880), Glentoran (6,152), Hibs (7,834), Cerro (13,837), Shamrock Rovers (5,481), Wolves (6,157), Cagliari (5,367), Bangu (24,042), Ado (6,015), Sunderland (8,834), Dundee United (12,763).

Now for the National Professional Soccer League. This consists of ten clubs divided also into Eastern and Western Sections.

Baltimore lead the Eastern Section, closely challenged by Phil Woosnam's Atlanta Chiefs.

Also in this group are the Pittsburg Phantoms (mostly Dutch and German players), the Philadelphia Spartans (eight different nationalities) and the New York Generals (coached by former Manchester United, Leeds and Scunthorpe player, Freddie Goodwin).

The California Clippers, from San Francisco, lead the Western Section.

Three English players are in this outfit—Mel Scott (ex-Brentford), Barry Rowan (ex-Millwall) and Roy Lunniss (ex-Luton).

Others in this Western Section are the St. Louis Stars (mostly Yugoslavs and Poles), the Los Angeles Toros (ten different nationalities), the Chicago Spurs and the Toronto Falcons (where ex-Spurs 'keeper Bill Brown is with five other English players).

I SAW THIS GAP MYSELF

ATTENDANCES in this unofficial league have been poor, especially in Chicago and New York.

There is a longer playing programme. Each team has 32 games to contest and, approaching the halfway-mark, attendance figures average:

Baltimore (5,043), Atlanta (8,116), Pittsburg (3,649), Philadelphia (6,063), New York (4,191), San Francisco (4,425), St. Louis (8,534), Los Angeles (3,620), Chicago (2,429).

I'm told that Spurs' former international Danny Blanchflower, the regular TV Soccer commentator for the Columbia Broadcasting System, has said their standard is "good average Second Division."

I don't mind Danny's well-paid blarney, but this comparison is sheer ballyhoo. The NPSL stuff is simply average Fourth Division football, at the best.

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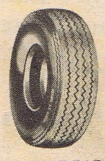

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Pele Is Set To Move

WE'VE been hearing stories for years about the one and only Pele joining various Italian clubs. Maybe they're about to come true at last.

My man in Milan reported yesterday that Pele himself expects to join Inter Milan when the Italian League lifts its ban on foreign signings—probably in 1968.

Now touring Italy with his club, Santos, he's reported as saying, "If Inter offer me enough money, I will be happy to move. I know they want me, and Santos will be ready to discuss terms when the time comes."

Pele revealed he has already accepted one offer by Inter's president, Angelo Moratti—a fortnight's holiday in Italy.

Moratti is confident that 26-year-old Pele will be wearing the black-and-blue stripes of Inter before he is more than a year older. He is prepared to spend £342,000 on a world record signing—and he might not say no if Santos held out for more.

Inter's flop against Celtic, followed by their failure to lift either the Italian League or Cup, has made new signings essential. And obviously nothing but the best will do.

LAST word on the Scotland tour—from team boss Bobby Brown—

"Back home, you probably heard only about the games we played. You wouldn't know of the countless invitations which were received and accepted from Scottish Associations, Burns clubs, youth clubs, &c.

"Sometimes two or three invitations were received for the same evening, and the players split up into groups so nobody would be let down.

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'CUP MUST GO ON' —APIA

By MARTIN ASTON

No Apia player will be allowed to go on the tour of Asia with Australia's national team unless the Australian Soccer Federation has a change of heart and stages an Australia Cup series at the end of the season.

This bombshell has been dropped in Sydney by Apia's outspoken president Eddie Provera.

Such a stand would wreck Australia's team because Apia players who would appear certain of selection are the Australian captain Pat Hughes, John Watkiss, Archie Blue, Johnny Giacometti while Bill Rorke, Cliff van Blerk and 17-year-old Ernie Campbell will be strong contenders for a place.

"The Australia Cup must go on", declared Mr. Provera.

"If it doesn't none of our players will be allowed to go on the tour of Asia.

"If they do go, they won't be playing for Apia when they get back."

Mr. Provera asked: "Is the Australian Federation trying to promote the local competition and overseas tours?

"They have made a mint of money out of the tours by Scotland and Manchester United.

"Why shouldn't the Australian Federation be able to spend a few quid on putting on the Australia Cup?"

Apia will sponsor a recission motion at next Wednesday night's council meeting of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation against the Australian Federation's decision to scrap this year's Australia Cup.

And they are certain of strong support from a number of the other leading Sydney clubs.

Mr. Provera said that Apia would be delighted to play in any similar competition sponsored by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

"It doesn't matter what sort of a Cup is played for", he said.

"We must have something."

Mr. Provera's stand is a praiseworthy one because Apia, which is the current holder of the Australia Cup, would be a sitting duck in this year's competition because of the loss of half a dozen key players on the Australian team's tour of Asia.

Apia officials are angry at the Australian Federation's decision to call off the Australia Cup at such a late stage.

"I want to know one thing — who instructed the N.S.W. members of the Australian Federation's executive to vote in favor of calling off the Australia Cup," said Apia's vice-president Vic Capelletto.

Mr. Capelletto is presuming — as are many other Sydney club officials — that the N.S.W. representatives Jim Bayutti and Tom Grimson voted against the Australia Cup being held.

Such a belief follows Victoria's strong protest against the Australian Federation's decision.

Lions' centre forward John Reilly (left), George Cross goalkeeper Docherty and full back Morson in a goalmouth scramble at Olympic Park, on Sunday

BLUE SENT OFF

BY MARTIN ASTON

Archie Blue, who played for Australia in the international matches against Scotland, was one of three players sent from the field in last Sunday's Sydney premiership round.

He was ordered off while playing for Apia against Yugal on a charge of "violent conduct".

This followed an incident in which Yugal's inside right Michael Alagich also was sent off on a charge of deliberately kicking an opponent.

Blue retaliated by knocking Alagich to the ground with his shoulder.

Apia went on to take a two-point lead in the competition by scoring a ridiculously easy 4-0 win.

The other player sent off was Pan Hellenic's top goal scorer John Karagianis.

He recived his marching orders for disputing referee Arthur Brown's decision to disallow a goal by Allan Westwater which would have enabled Pan Hellenic to snatch a draw with Cumberland United.

Cumberland, last in the competition and fighting to avoid relegation to second division, caused a major upset by winning 3-2.

Apia, with two deferred games to play, moved to a clear lead following South Coast's 1-0 victory over Croatia.

The only goal of the match was scored by Max Tolson with a header with only five minutes remaining for play.

Scorers were:

Apia 4 (Giacometti 2, Campana, Rivero) beat Yugal 0. Hakoah 1 (Baartz) beat Melita Eagles 0. South Coast 1 (Tolson) beat Croatia 0. Cumberland United 3 (Keddie, Smith Thompson) beat Pan Hellenic 2 (Karagianis 2). St. George Budapest 4 (Warren 2, Cliss, Zuckerman) beat Polonia 1 (Hicks). Canterbury Marrickville v. Prague postponed due to unplayable ground.

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SLAVIA v. POLONIA (Olympic Park)
GEORGE CROSS v. MELBOURNE (Selwyn Park, Sunshine)

SUNDAY, JULY 2

ALEXANDER v. HELLAS (Olympic Park)
HAKOAH v. CROATIA (Middle Park)
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